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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON  
BELLSOUTH CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR RULEMAKING  
TO CHANGE THE DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY FOR  
SHARED LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY AND  
THOUSANDS-BLOCK NUMBER POOLING COSTS**

**RM-11299**

**Comment Date: January 5, 2006**  
**Reply Comment Date: February 6, 2006**

On November 3, 2005, BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) filed a petition for rulemaking to change the distribution methodology for shared local number portability (LNP) and thousands-block number pooling costs.<sup>1</sup>

In its Petition, BellSouth asks the Commission to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to change the methodology, set forth in section 52.32 of the Commission's rules and related Commission orders, for distributing the shared costs of LNP and thousands-block number pooling among service providers.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, BellSouth requests that the Commission replace the current method of allocating shared industry costs for LNP and pooling among service providers based upon end-user telecommunications revenues with a usage-based mechanism that requires carriers to pay for those LNP and pooling costs that they cause.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to section 1.405 of the Commission's rules,<sup>4</sup> interested parties may file comments on BellSouth's Petition on or before **January 5, 2006** and reply comments on or before **February 6, 2006**. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic

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<sup>1</sup> BellSouth Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Change the Distribution Methodology for Shared Local Number Portability and Thousands-Block Number Pooling Costs (filed Nov. 3, 2005) (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> Petition at 1 (citing 47 C.F.R. § 52.32; *Telephone Number Portability*, CC Docket No. 95-116, RM 8535, Third Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11701 (1998); *Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Rcd 7574, 7667, 7668-69, paras. 204, 207 (2000)).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.405.

Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.<sup>5</sup> Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed.<sup>6</sup> In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, in this case **RM-11299**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing.<sup>7</sup>

- Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using ECFS.**
  - The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
  - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
  - U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be sent to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Courtesy copies must be sent to Deena Shetler and Margaret Dailey, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Suite 5-A121, Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail to [deena.shetler@fcc.gov](mailto:deena.shetler@fcc.gov) and [margaret.dailey@fcc.gov](mailto:margaret.dailey@fcc.gov); and one copy must be sent to Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

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<sup>5</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

<sup>6</sup> If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption.

<sup>7</sup> If more than one docket or rulemaking number appear in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption.

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For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Margaret Dailey, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-2396, or via e-mail [margaret.dailey@fcc.gov](mailto:margaret.dailey@fcc.gov).

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<sup>8</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, *et seq.*

<sup>9</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

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